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The Honorable Ajit Pai
Chairman, Federal Communications Commission
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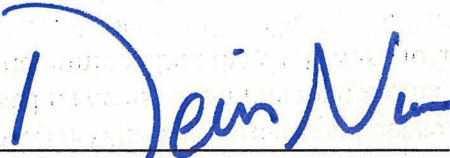
Dear Chairman Pai,

Please accept our congratulations on your recent appointment as Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Chairman. We are writing to make you aware of our ongoing concern regarding a matter pending before the Commission involving the Cesar Chavez Foundation (CCF), the licensee of non-commercial educational (NCE) station KUFW in Woodlake, California.

As we mentioned in our previous correspondence with the Commission, CCF applied to renew KUFW's (FM) broadcast license. On July 28, 2016, the Media Bureau of the FCC released its decision on this matter after nearly three years of deliberation. In that decision, the FCC determined that the CCF was violating federal law and FCC rules by broadcasting commercials on KUFW. The Media Bureau imposed a fine of \$12,500 on CCF but declined to impose additional remedies. The FCC additionally acknowledged that it would normally demand a compliance plan in this situation, but instead rewarded CCF with another station in a brokered exchange.

Since then, we have learned that CCF continued to broadcast commercials on KUFW even after the Media Bureau decision and the imposition of the fine. This clearly indicates that CCF did not curtail the breaches of its obligations during the nearly three-year-long proceedings. This indisputably shows that the Media Bureau's actions in this matter were ineffective and that much stronger action should be taken. We understand that an application for review of the Media Bureau's decision is pending with the full Commission. As such, we encourage you and your fellow Commissioners to reconsider the Media Bureau's decision to hold CCF accountable for continuing to break the law.

Sincerely,


Devin Nunes
Member of Congress


David G. Valadao
Member of Congress



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OFFICE OF
THE CHAIRMAN

May 3, 2017

The Honorable Devin Nunes
U.S. House of Representatives
1013 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Nunes:

Thank you for your letter regarding my designation as Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission and your concern about the Cesar Chavez Foundation application for license renewal for station KUFW-FM, Woodlake, CA.

As you know, an Application for Review has been filed in this proceeding in accordance with Commission rules and process, and the full Commission will make an independent assessment of the Media Bureau's decision on this matter. Commission staff had hoped to present their recommendations to the Commission by the end of 2016. However, the recent filing of additional complaints against the station has delayed this process. I have asked staff to complete its review of these complaints as quickly as possible.

I appreciate your continued interest and effort in this matter. In compliance with our ex parte rules, we are copying the parties with your letter and making it part of the Application for Review record. I look forward to working with you on important issues like this one in my role as Chairman. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Ajit V. Pai".

Ajit V. Pai



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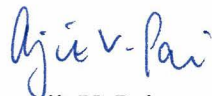
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